

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Internatlc Application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12N15/62 C12N15/63 C12N15/70 C12N11/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C12N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, COMPENDEX, BIOSIS, WPI Data, PAJ, MEDLINE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category * | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
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| X | WO 99 57992 A (CLONTECH LAB INC) 18 November 1999 (1999-11-18) the whole document | 1-8, 12-17 |
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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| X | <p>KEEFE ANTHONY D ET AL: "One-step purification of recombinant proteins using a nanomolar-affinity streptavidin-binding peptide, the SBP-tag."</p> <p>PROTEIN EXPRESSION AND PURIFICATION, vol. 23, no. 3, December 2001 (2001-12), pages 440-446, XP002253300</p> <p>ISSN: 1046-5928</p> <p>the whole document</p> <p>-----</p> | 1-8, 12-17 |

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 9-11, 18-20

Present claims 9-11 and 18-20 relate to an extremely large number of possible products. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT cannot be found in the application. Therefore the claims lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the recombinant plasmid DNA of claims 1-8 and their use in the method of claims 12-17.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 9-11, 18-20
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

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4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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